## WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

The Weekly Collection About the National Capital.

ASPIRATIONS. A vacancy in so important an office as Secretary of the Treasury cannot help producing lively perturbation in political circles, and Judge Folger was not in his tomb before eager speculation manifested itself everywhere as to his successor. It is a grand thing to be Secretary of the Treasury, even until next March 4. Many really great men in this country would be glad to fill it for even a month, or perhaps a shorter term. In spite of our angry disclaimers we are all more or less-generally more-worshipers of money, and our minds are impressed with an opulent, unctions, intensely respectable atmosphere clinging about a man who has even an association with great amounts of money. A Secretary of the Treasury gets the benefit of dreds of millions in the Nation's strong boxes, and a pleasant aroma of riches hangs about him for the rest of his life, though he may not at times have money enough to pay household expenses-as was too frequently the case with the first and greatest of Secretaries-Alexander Hamilton. The gossips first insisted that Secretary Chandler was anxious to exchange the the story was that the President would appoint one of his personal friends among the politicfans he used to associate with in New York in the ante-Presidential days, and Gen. J. H. Sharpe was settled upon as the most likely appointee. Now, the inevitable Gresham comes office by so much as saying that he will take it. This was to be expected. There has not been a single prominent office to be filled since Mr. Arthur discovered Mr. Gresham in the wilds of Indiana, but that gentleman has put in a strong bid for it. He wanted to be nominated for President and Vice-President, and for Governar of Indiana, and before Secretary Folger's

THE ARLUNGTAN ESTATE.

that comes along.

A vast deal has been said, mainly by Southern writers, about the magnificence of the Arlington estate, which descended to Robert E. Lee through his marriage into the Washington family, and was taken by the Government during the war as a camping ground for the goldiers, and finally as a burial ground, and is now one of the finest cemeteries in the United States. But its magnificence only, as far as we can judge, consists in extent, and its position upon the river, of which it commands a fine view, as well as of the city of Washington. The solutely too poor to raise white beans, which is the Northern idea of the most impoverished hand that one can conceive. Indeed, the land has realized such a degree of poverty that nature's efforts to cover its nakedness with mosses and weeds have proved abortive, and, though it has apparently lain uncultivated corn now growing-or rather planted-there is side the stone wall that surround the National Cemetery the flowers and vegetation indicate secured by a most liberal fertilization, and shall be confiscated for treason for a longer | H. M., Dubuque, Iowa. time than the life-time of the owner, and quite a discussion took place all over the country-Northern sensibilities being strongly wrought up by the thought of the graves of so many | Value of hogs in Alabama (1883) .... thousands of her sons passing into the hands of the representatives of the leader of the rebels, to do with no one knows what. It finally resulted in the Government making a compromise with the Lee heirs, which gave the for- Value of investments in bonds, etc ...... mer permanent possession of the property, the | Value of guns, pistols, dirks, etc ..... heirs of the rebel chieftain getting a price

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

The Democrats of the District ratified the nomination of Cleveland and Hendricks by a demonstration on the lith inst. There was a large street parade and fireworks in abundance. The speeches were made by Congressmen J. H. Murphy, of lowa, and E. John Ellis, of Louisiana; Senator Jones, of Florida; Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, of Maryland, and others.

the condition of the cotton on the 1st of September was lower than on Aug. 1, by reason of drought, which has been severest in Texas. The average condition for the whole field, which was 87 in the preceding report, is reduced to 821. The product of Winter wheat is above the average; is generally of good quality, except where injured by sprouting in the shock. The aggregate will vary little from 500,000,000 bushels: - The corn crop is in better condition than in any September since 1880. The general average is 94. It was 84 last September, 83 in 1882 and 60 in 1881. It promises to produce an average yield of 26 bushels for the entire breadth, or not less than 1,800,000,00 bushels. the same as corn, and makes an aggregate exceeding 500,000,000 bushels.

MORE LAND DETECTIVES WANTED. The astonishing disclosures about the giant land steals in the Far West impels the Commissioner of the Land Office to make an appeal for more Special Agents to assist him in anearthing thefts already committed and to prevent | seribers to The National Tribune.-N. P. Sloan the commission of any more. This is a request the Government should lose no time in grant
Included please find \$12 for 12 now subscribers.—B. N. Groves, Fountain, Minn.

Included please find \$12 for 12 now subscribers. terested in, it is the stoppage of this land lar- Weathersfield, Conn .-- I am nine years of age ceny. The whole corps of Special Agents now at and have raised some chickens to make the dolthe disposal of the Commissioner numbers only 25, and he thinks he should have 53 more, or | Troy, Mo, -Inclosed please find postal note for one for every Land District. He says that new | \$2 for two new subscribers to THE TRIBUNE. I am 10 land thieves escape detection and punish- only 13 years old, but I am going to work for THE ment where one is caught.

GEN. BLAKE'S ILLNESS. Gen. Geo. A. Blake was prostrated by a sud. THE TRIBUNE, next to the old flag, is the soldier's den stroke of paralysis at a hotel in this city last week, and still lingers in a precarious condistance of all papers in a precarious conist the paper of all papers for the soldier.—L. W. dition. Gen. Blake is one of the veterans of Devan, San Jose, Cal.—Inclosed please find \$7 for the old Regular Army. He was appointed a subscribers to THE TRIBUNE. This makes 12 in all Lieutenant in the 2d Dragoons, away back in 1836, from Pennsylvania, and at the beginning Wis.—I send you 55 for five renewals.—Frank M. 1806, from Pennsylvania, and at the beginning of the war was a Lieutenant-Colonel. He did not make much of a figure in that great con- Pottersburg, O .- I send \$11 for 11 new subscrib-He was breveted Brigadier-General, with several thousand others, March 13, 1865, and went on the Retired List in 1870 as a Colonel.

——I melose your, for six new subscriptions and my own renewal.—H. P. Chapman, La Porte, O. ——I send you \$5—four new subscribers and my own renewal.—Ira Swart, Saugerties, N. Y.——Inclosed please find \$5 for five subscribers to The on the Retired List in 1870 as a Colonel.

An experimental gun, in regard to which certain parties entertain the highest expectations, is being constructed at the Navy Yard. Its caliber is six inches, and the peculiarity of construction is that its barrel is closely wound with fine steel wire. Over a mile of this has already been used. It is expected that the gun will be ready for trial about the end of this

The records of the Post-Office Department show that the letters sent from this country to Europe during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1884, weighed 205,925,900 grams, against 109,236,150 grams during the preceding year. The weight of papers sent reached the sum of 780,491,990 grams, against 738,188,519 grams

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LIGHTHOUSE KEEPING. The fair of Koltes Kost, No. 32, G.A.R., which

was held at the Germania Assembly Rooms, New York, during last week, was successfully closed on the 12th with a sacred concert and ball. The attendance was large, and the cool evening made the entertainment very enjoyable. The music was furnished by Kauer's Koltes Post band. The lady attendants at the fair were made the especial guests of the Post, and received every courtesy in return for their efforts toward success. Dancing began at the moment of midnight, and, it was expected, would continue until daylight The balloting upon the Grand Army altar and badges was continued Saturday night until after midnight, and at the last moment became very exciting. The altar was taken by Farnham Post, No. 458. Over 1,600 votes were cast, Farnham Post winning by about 100 votes as against Gilsa Post, No. 264. Commander Wm. McEntee, of Dahlgren Post, No. 113, received the gold badge for the most popular Commander, and P. G. Klober, ef Koltes Post Sons of Veterans, No. 17, the gold badge for the most popular Commander in that Order. The diamond pin was voted to Mrs. Theodore Feldstein. It is estimated that the fair will net about \$8,000 for association in the popular mind with the hun- the relief fund of the Post, which now has

Koltes Post's Fair.

about 600 members.

Thanks. To THE EDITOR: Allow me, in behalf of the 6th Md., to thank you for favors. This is the third time you have cheerfully and gratuitously given us the use of the columns of THE Naval pertfelio for that of the Treasury. Then | TRIBUNE, and that without ever having as much as a "thank you" for previous favors. I think every man who was in the army ought to be a subscriber. They certainly would if they knew what they are losing by not taking THE TRIBUNE. Let me say I have seen the immense piles of TRIBUNES at the post-office, and up smilingly as the man who can have the can the more fully appreciate your favors to us, as I have some idea of the great value of space in any paper of much smaller circulation. What a good thing it would be if all these regimental associations would see to it that each member was a paid subscriber to THE TRIB- Johnson. UNE. I consider it the only soldier paper in the country, not only because of the great amount of valuable and interesting reading death he was believed to be divided in his matter, but the wonderful circulation it has. mind whether he would succeed Voorhees as I have read the figures describing the numbers Senator from Indiana, or Judge Drummond on | you print, but I had no idea until I saw them the Seventh Judicial Circuit. There is noth- a short time since leaving Washington by car ing like reaching out your hand for everything | loads. I learn that it takes three days to move each week's edition. Just think of it! And another idea comes into my head from observation: I am satisfied THE TRIBUNE subscribers all read it. All honor to the founders and publishers of The Tribune.-Alex. Leeds, Grafton, W. Va.

His Claim.

To THE EDITOR: I see in your paper many disputes as to who was the first to enlist in the war, and who was the youngest and who was last mustered out. I have no claim to any of these, but I do claim I was the last man mustered in and the oldest. I was mustered in the ground itself is sterile to the last degree. It day Gen, Lee surrendered. I was 60 years old consists of a large portion of upland and of a long sloping descent towards the plain that lies along the Potomac. The upland appears abdoctor. I would like to get up a Reunion of teamsters, wagon-masters, Quartermasters, band men and Chaplains. Please tell the boys. The boys in the wagon train all called me WHITE ACORN."-McCook, Neb.

The Artillery at Iuka. since the war, yet upon it there is scarcely a To THE EDITOR: I notice in your issue of semblance of vegetation-not even dog fennel. Sept. 4 an answer to "J. C. M., Co. I, 16th ing to do with appointing, you say?" ground there operates as unfavorably to plant | his statement. The 16th Iowa was directly in | shape." life as the barrenness of the uplands, and the rear of the battery. Nearly all the horses and quite a number of the batterymen were killed so stunted and meager that a Western farmer in a few minutes. Corp. Gook, of Co. G, 16th would not take the trouble to harvest it. In- lowa, shot a reb who got astride of one of the gons, and was killed a short time afterwards considerable fertility, but this has only been 16th Iowa, and a Missouri regiment on the visions, fuel and lights. An isolated station is probably the Government has spent the price nesota regiment were on the left of the 16th original price to get them to the keeper. of a good-sized Illinois farm in guano and other | Iowa. As J. C. M. says, our Colonel was taken | Ordinarily, when they can row ashore, or in manures. The house itself, which stands on a prisoner and a good many of our officers and a short distance of settlements, nothing is alcommanding point everlooking the Potomac, men wounded and killed. The rebels fired no lowed for provisions, etc." and giving a magnificent view of Washington, shells whatever-nothing but canister-before is an old-fashioned brick structure, with ab- they charged on us. The Ohio battery was not visions and other necessary supplies for a man's tion from comrades, and help from other surdly large brick columns in front, and a gen- ordered to fire until it was too late, and then family, as well?" eral attempt at cheap showiness. Its first cost | fired but one, or, at the outside, two rounds bewas probably much less, and its comforts and fore the rebs were on us. We had the guns one with him there. Nobody but the keepers are conveniences vastly less, than those of minute, they the next. The 5th Iowa fought allowed in the lighthouses. We are just now scores of farm-houses of the better class in | hand-to-hand. I saw after the battle the next | uniforming the keepers in a neat blue uniform, the Northern States. A few years after the morning three 5th Iowa boys and three rebels differing in cut and trimming from both the war the Lee family made an attempt to re- with their bayonets through each other. It Army and Navy uniforms. The coat is doubleclaim the estate, which they could do under was the first fight the 5th was in, and they lost | breasted, and has brass-buttons bearing the the Constitutional provision that no estate nearly half the men in line at the time.-W. lighthouse insignia. The uniform is now be- out of the United States, and not mention his

Some Alabama Statistics. [From the Birmingham Age.]

Value of farming implements. Value of printing presses and material... Value of libraries 

Just think of it, more money invested in which would have been impossible in an open Alabama in pistols and other deadly weapons than in bogs! More money invested in firearms than in printing presses or libraries! More money invested in deadly weapons in the great agricultural State of Alabama than in agricultural implements or mechanical tools!

Much Interested. To THE EDITOR: We are all very much in -

terested in your very valuable paper, and if I do not always renew my subscription promptly, you may be sure that something is wrong .- A. The Department of Agriculture reports that A. HYDE, North Haven, Conn.

Sons of Veterans. A beautiful silk banner was recently presented to Capt. Isaac D. Kenyon Camp, No. 4, Sons of Veterans, Shannock, R. I., by Mr. Chas. Kenyon, brother of the soldier in honor of

The next number of the North American Rerice is to contain an elaborate defense of the Tariff system, prepared by leading advocates

whom the Camp is named.

STILL THEY COME.

The oats crop averages a yield per scre about | The Latest Reports from The Tribune's Recruiting Officers. Inclosed please find \$5 for five new subscribers to THE TRIBUNE.-Henry H. Kreiner, Mount Joy, Pa. -1 send \$5 for five new subscribers to The Tele-UNE,-Silas Walker, Verndale, Minn,-Inclosed

please find \$6-\$1 for my own renewal and \$5 for five new subscribers—Henry Spalding, Hariford, Mich.—Inclosed please find \$8 for eight new subhar you will find inclosed to subscribe to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE - Robert Emmet Murphy, THIBUNE and get you a club, so that I can get a Waterbury watch.—H. L. Gregg, Osceola, Neb.— Inclosed please find \$1 to renew my subscription. dearest hope.-H. Clay Hartwell, Detroit, Mich.nelosed please find \$2 for renewals. The TRIBUNE Slade, Niles, Iown. - Inclosed please find \$5 for five new subscribers to THE TRIEDNE. -Eli Norviel. TRIBUNE.-J. Hicks, Fall River, Wis,-I inclose I for one new subscriber. I would say to every comrade; Let us do all we can to circulate The TRIBUNE.-D. M. Herman, Mount Carroll.-Inclosed please find \$5 for five new subscribers.-Robt. D. Bruner, Seneca, Mo. - Inclosed please find \$10 for ten new subscribers to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. As premium, please send me Waterbury watch.— Louis Fisher, Salem, Mo.—Inclosed please find \$10 for new subscribers.—Miss Mary E. Gordon, Washington Court-house, O.—Inclosed please find \$1 to renew my subscription for another year. I consider THE TEIBUNE as necessary to my exist-ence as my bread and butter,—C. F. Carnwright, Saugerties, N. Y.—-Inclosed please find §3 for three years' subscription to THE NATIONAL TRIB-Iowa.—Inclosed please find \$10 for ten new subscribers to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Please send me Waterbury watch as premium.—Horace Parmenter, Brooklyn, N. Y.—I send you \$10 for ten new subscribers. Please send me Waterbury watch as premium.—David R. Beughter, Lebanon, Pa.—Inclosed please find \$1 to renew my subscription. Every old soldier ough to at least be able to spare that amount to support such an able advocate.—A. S. Smith, Emerson, Iowa.—Inclosed please find money-order for \$6 for six new subscribers.—John Foelling, Atchison, Kan.

Those Who Trim the Lamps for the Men Who Go Down to the Sea in Ships.

This is what one of 10,000 letters which come to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE every week, from all parts of the country, said: tion as keeper of a lighthouse. How shall I go

about it? To whom must I apply? That was a question. The editors of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE think they can come as near as any of their journalistic brethren to knowing all wisdom and all strange things," but it had never occurred to any of them how a man came to be employed by the Government to tend the lights that guide the storm-tossed

to "what are the wild waves saying?" "Such ignorance as this must not be toler- formation as deep and broad and as well worth ated another hour," said the Editor, after forcing the reluctant admission from each of his brainy assistants, that he knew naught whatever about it. "The matter must be looked up. Where is the best place?"

The Office Boy suggested that as the lighthouses were under the charge of the Treasury Department the most promising place to look for information would be at headquarters. Thither the Editor took his way. In one of the long corridors of the Treasury Department, the doors bear signs showing that they open into offices connected with the administration of the lighthouse service. Into that inscribed,

CHIEF CLERK LIGHTHOUSE BOARD the Editor entered, and found there, courteous, patient, and as full of information as an inteligent, knowledge-gathering man, who has spent his life in one pursuit can be-Mr. A. B.

"I called," said the Editor, "to learn how a man gets an appointment as keeper of a light-"That can be told very briefly," replied Col.

Johnson. "He applies to the Superintendent of Lights for his District, and if successful, he is nominated to the Board as Acting Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, and placed on trial. If the Lighthouse Inspector finds him satisfactory, he is appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, and he becomes a member of the regular force." "And if he is not satisfactory?"

"He is simply dropt; that ends it."
"If he is appointed, he goes in at the lowest

grade, does he?" Yes. Nowhere in the Government's service are civil-service ideas applied more rigidly than by the Lighthouse Board."

"Who compose the Lighthouse Board?" It has to consist-in addition to the Secretary of the Treasury, who is ex-officio President-of three officers of the Navy, three officers of the Engineer Corps, and two civilians of scientific attainments, Secretary Folger was President at the time of his death, and the other members are: Vice-Admiral Stephen C. Kowan. Commander Henry F. Picking and Capt. W. P. McCann, of the Navy; Gen. John Newton, Col. T. L. Casey and Maj. David Porter Heap, of the Engineer Corps; Prof. Julius G. Hilgard, Superintendent of the Coast Survey, and Prof. Henry Morton, President of the Stevens Institute of Technology.

"Quite an imposing body. But it has noth-One would expect greater fertility in the plain lows," by A. L. Brown, 4th Minn. Now, I "No; the Secretary of the Treasury furnlengside the Potomac, but the wetness of the wish to say, Comrade J. C. M. is just right in nishes us the raw material, and we put it into

"What is the pay of a lighthouse keeper?" "It varies all the way from \$200 to \$1,000 a

year. The average is about \$600 a year." "What does that include?" "Nothing, except at what we call the isolated himself. The 5th Iowa was on the right of the stations, where the Government allows proright of the 5th Iowa. An Indiana and a Min- where the provisions, etc., cost more than their

"No; he is not allowed to have his family

ing furnished to all, free of cost, with this proviso, that if any one leaves the service within a year, the cost shall be deducted from his pay. All who come into the service after this must pay for their uniforms. to prevent their scratching the lens by any | Iowa, Moscow, Muscatine Co., Iowa.

"Is the service considered hard?" "The labor is hardly anything, though in of the lenses and machinery, trimming the lamps and filling up with oil takes up the each during the night. The lenses are enorcost \$16,000 in France."

"Is the discipline severe?" what cause, the keeper is dismissed instantly, their ears, but the light must be kept burning lowa. until sunrise, or they will be dismissed in disgrace. If a man goes around the light while under the influence of liquor he is pitched out ceremony. The lives and property that may be sacrified are too immensely valuable to be division that he afterwards did at Arkansas

ble or cowardly?" ing him, for if there is one thing more than another that the people of this country are in
Inclosed please find \$12 for 12 new subscribers many instances of men standing heroidally by their houses amid terrible dangers. In February watch as premium.—E. G. Woodhouse, any 1881 the ice lifted up and carried off the grounded on an island, and after it was fas- Ohio, Sunbury, O. tened securely the brave men brought ashore the lens, its pedestal, the oil and the library They were highly complimented by the Board and promoted. The keepers of another light, which were similarly threatened, went on shore, but though their light could do no good at the time they were dismissed from the serv-

"Are men disposed to make it a life-profes-

sion?" "Not so many as we would wish. The average service of a keeper is three years. He is likely to drift off into better paying employments, and of course some are dismissed. We have very many who have gone up through all the grades, and are now in charge of first-class lights, and we only wish that we could do still better by them. We hope sometime to have a pension roll for faithful keepers who have grown old in the service." " What kind of men usually seek this em-

"All kinds. The rules allow the men to follow pursuits that will not interfere with their duty at the stations, and so we have quite a number of tailors, shoemakers, etc., and even some who teach school, and others who fill pul-

"Then there is time for reading and study?" it is closed it makes an excellent packing case, with its brass handles and strap hinges. Now, I case, with good, substantial books, the subjects including science, travel, fiction, religion, etc. We have 350 of these. One of them is kept at another page of a very highly commended food try seat near Philadelp a lighthouse from one inspection to the next- for infants and invalids. A treatise will be about three months—when it is taken on to sent free to any applicant by the Anglo-Swiss another station, and its place supplied by one Condensed Milk Co., 86 Hudson St., New York

\$2,000 a year on new Books; etc., besides some

cannot. If we could have our own way we should prefer men who had served in the Army or Navy. In fact, a very large proportion of our best men are old soldiers and sailors. They understand the value of discipline, attention to duty and obedience to orders better than men who have not had a military or naval training. Old sea captains and men who have been in the coasting trade make very good light keepers. They know the value of a light. To THE EDITOR: I very much want to get a posi- We have many one-armed and a few one-legged

men in the force." "It is the custom in Eurape to prefer old soldiers and sailors for these places, is it not?" "It is in France. In England many of the lights are private property, from which the owners get an income. The famous Eddystone light is private property, and a toll of a halfpenny a ton is levied on every vessel passing it." The Office Boy was clearly right. The reader mariners, and listen day and night, in and out, will see that the editor struck a mine of in-

A NEW ENEMY.

working as a Hocking Valley coal vein.

The Time When Gen. Joe R. Hawley Showed the White Feather.

TO THE EDITOR: In 1861, in November, the writer was a Captain in the 7th Conn., commanded by Gen. (then Col.) Alfred H. Terry. Gen. Joseph R. Hawley was Lieutenant-Colonel Our regiment was a part of the Expeditionary Corps under command of Gen. T. W. Sherman that landed at Hilton Head Island, S. C., on Nov. 7, 1861, after the reduction of Forts Walker and Beauregard.

first after dress parade; so we were on duty all | Initial Letters, etc., etc. night and all next day. Sometime after midwere soon dismissed.

Just before daylight, Col. Hawley came around and said, "Captain, let's take a ride ting and crochet. It is published in New York around to the picket posts, and we will learn at 10 cents a number, or \$1 a year.

what the trouble was last night." fined, but we soon came to a place that looked and stories. like a road and one we had not seen before. We followed it along for some distance, and off at | more than average merit. There are several the right some distance from the road we noticed | strong stories in it, beside the absorbing serials a clump of tents. This was a new wonder, for by Helen Mathers and Christian Reid. The we could not imagine who these tents belonged | general character of the contents is such as to or what they were doing there. Hawley to show that the magazine is raising its literary rode ahead and I just about the length of a standard at the same time that it is making horse in rear. As we neared the tents we other notable improvements. noticed a man building the morning fire. Haw- Demorest's Magazine has a bright frontispiece ley cried out in his stentorian tone, "Who lives in colors, "Decoy Ducks." This is accompanied here?" The man looked up, and in the gray of by "The Connoisseur," a photogravure, and 26 the morning his skin looked about the color of other illustrations. A number of pleasant a maltese cat, and his head about as large as a stories, sketches, editorials, poetry, and most peck measure, and he drawled out, "Small-pox | valuable hints and directions concerning fancy lives here." Hawley wheeled his horse quicker | and housework follows. It is a most excellent than lightning and said, "Captain, let's get out | number. of this." And the man at the fire said, "Wont | Harper's Magazine for October fully keeps up you stay and have some breakfast?"-Com- the splendid reputation that publication has

He Wants Jasper Jay Stone. issue of Aug. 28 last, I find a communication to poetry indicating culture and ability of more and altogether euphonious combination of the baptismal names of Comrade Stone may suffice, without further suggestion, to indicate his precise present whereabouts and residence, -- postoffice, county, State and all,-but the probabilities are decidedly against such supposition. Of "In those isolated stations do you allow pro- all persons seeking editorial advice, informasources, to aid them in proving up and settling claims of long standing and tedious progress, it valid class especially, ought to be the most cautious and precise in observing the minutest details of correspondence. That a man of intelligence should ask aid from the immense audience of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, in and post-office address, or even his branch of service, is among the mysteries of hypnotism. I would state, for the benefit of Comrade Stone. that Col. Wm. B. Keeler is alive and well, and, better still, is prospering in that noted suburb All keepers are furnished a sort of blouse to of High Heaven, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., where wear when about the lamp. It is made of soft | the "worm (still) dieth not, and the fire is not cotton, and the buttons are carefully covered | quenched."-NIMROD M. LOWE, Co. I, 35th

A Warning that Did Not Warn.

TO THE EDITOR: Reading the article in THE some of the large revolving lights the cleaning | TRIBUNE of Sept. 4 of Col. Fahnestock, regarding premonitions, in answer to his question, "Whether any one ever knew them to fail?" whole forenoon. They extinguish the lights | will say that I have; and will say that at at sunrise, and stand watches of four hours | Pittsburg Landing April 6, 1862, while my regiment was receiving the first cartridges mous affairs, -as large as a hall bed-room, -and | ever issued to it, and preparing to move to the front where the fighting was going on, Lieut. Swanson, of Co. A, remarked to the other offi-"Not at all. The crime of all crimes is that | cers of his company, in my hearing, that he of letting a light go out. If it is suffered to go | was assured that if we got any of the fighting out for so much as half a minute, no matter for | that he would certainly be killed, as he had been warned from some source that this would and can never be restored. Sometimes Con- be his fate. Lieut. Penniman, of the same gressmen come up here to ask for the restora- company, pooh-poohed the idea, and said that tion of a man whose light has gone out for five | he did not believe in such warnings; that he minutes or so, but they are made to understand | expected to live through this and a good many that we only dismissed him because we can do other fights. The result of the day's action no worse. We would have hung him if we when the roll was called that night showed could. These 'accidents,' as they would call that Swanson was present unburt, while Penthem, are the result of previous negligence, and must not be tolerated. We instruct our Throne on High, he having been killed early men that they must keep the light burning, no in the battle of Sunday. This is one time matter what happens. Their children, wives, where premonition went for naught. I heard parents may be dying, house a-fire, brother per- the conversation above alluded to myself, and ishing in the surf, tower tumbling down about | will youch for its truth .- J. S. Bosworth, 15th

Gen. A. J. Smith. To THE EDITOR: In answer to Lieut. Fink, of the service, neck and heels, without any | 55th Ill., in The Tribune of Sept. 4, I will say neglected or jeoparded for any earthly consid- Post and Vicksburg. Gens. S. J. Burbridge and W. J. Landram each commanded a brigade. "Do you have many prove careless, unrelia- and Lieut. Rice the 17th Ohio Battery in his division. Burbridge's Brigade was composed "No; very few. On the other hand, we have of the 38th and 96th Ohio, 23d Wis., and 67th ary, 1881, the ice lifted up and carried off the | the 6th or 8th Mo. attempted to cross the bayou, light-house at Sharp's Island, in Chesapeake | was a little to the left of the 17th Ohio Battery, Bay. The keeper and his assistant clung to | and nearly in front of the left of the 96th Ohio, the fallen house, though they could have es- which was under orders to follow them, and caped to the shore, and were affoat in the surg- | could see just what they would have to face. ing mass for 16} hours, all the time in immi- If I am in error, I trust Gen. Landram or some nent danger of destruction. At last the house | comrade will correct me. - J. H. KIMBALL, 96th

Dismissal of Col. Murphy.

TO THE EDITOR: I read in your issue of Aug. 14 a communication from Oscoda, Mich., in regard to the movements around Corinth and Iuka in 1862. The writer is in error in regard to the dismissal of Col. Murphy, of the 8th Wis. He says he was court reporter at the courtmartial of Col. Murphy, who was dismissed for not obeying orders at luka. The fact is, Col. opportunity to seeure a bargain. Murphy was not dismissed for the Iuka affair, but was dismissed for the surrender of Holly Springs, Dec. 20, 1862, some three months after Iuka was evacuated. No court-martial dismissed him; it was done by order of Gen. Grant, subject to the approval of the President, which order was approved by Mr. Lincoln. It is best to have things right, so I make this correction.-W. B. BRITTON, Sth Wis., Janesville,

The 38th Indiana.

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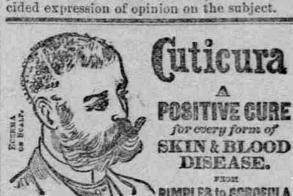
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The classics controversy is to receive further attention in the October Popular Science Monthly. Prof. J. P. Cooke will follow his article of last month with another entitled "Further Remarks on the Greek Question," and Lord Rayeigh's address at Montreal, which is to be printed in full in this number, contains a decided expression of opinion on the subject.



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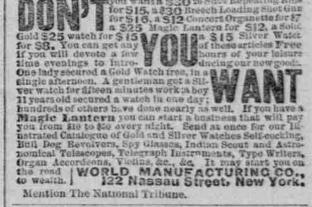
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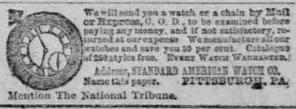
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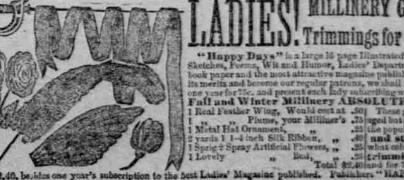
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